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SUBJ: PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS ASSOCIATION (PARCA)

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1. ACCORDING TO CHIEF OF TRANSPORT DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, THERE HAS BEEN AN OFFICIAL OFFER BY GOV TO HOST PARCA CONGRESS. RECENT POLICY OF GOV IS TO LIMIT OFFERS TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES IN VENEZUELA DUE TO HIGH COST TO GOV OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH NATIONAL RAILWAYS INSTITUTE AND OTHER GOV AGENCIES CONCERNED AND INFORM EMBASSY OF DECISION.

2. THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS INSTITUTE HAS HAD RAILROAD EXPANSION PLANS AND PROJECTS FOR OVER TEN YEARS AND ONLY RECENTLY HAS SUBMITTED ANOTHER PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNTRY-WIDE NETWORK. ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND PUBLIC APPEAR UNENTHUSIASTIC REGARDING PROJECT AND AIRLINES ARE OPPOSED. CONSENSUS IS THAT WITH EXCELLENT HIGHWAY NETWORK AND RELATIVELY LOW FREIGHT AND PASSENGER VOLUME, RAILWAYS WOULD HAVE TO BE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED. ONLY SPURS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE PUERTO CABELLO-AROA TO TRANSPORT PHOSPHATE MINERAL TO PETROCHEMICALS PLANT AND A 4 KILOMETER STRETCH IN CIUDAD GUAYANA TO TRANSPORT

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3. POST WILL REPORT FINAL GOV DECISION WHEN KNOWN.
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